CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: BBC9BE80-986B-40F8-9EA7-0B47004DA193

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900598.022

Medium: Video File

Creator: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 19 February 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 19 February 2020

	Components	**Running time**
Feature(s):	BBC9BE80-986B-40F8-9EA7-0B47004DA193	0:37
Total running time:		0:37

Summary of reasons for decision:

'BBC9BE80-986B-40F8-9EA7-0B47004DA193' is an amateur video that appears to be tage from a security camera in a bar. The footage captures two men get into an altercation that results in one of them being shot several times in the head by the other. The security camera perspective naturally lends the video an observational effect. Footage like this is also likely to have an eventual effect of inuring younger viewers who are still developing emotionally and cognitively, to other real-life suffering more generally. While many adults are also likely to be disturbed by the footage they are expected to have the maturity and experience to appropriately contextualise potentially distressing

material such as this. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of all the classification criteria. A restriction on the publication's availability to adults places a limit on the right to freedom of expression, but this is a reasonable and justifiable limitation given the risk of injury to the public good.